

Oral Questions

conducted on creating and seeding clouds through various means?

[English]

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): No, Mr. Speaker, I do not believe that information is being exchanged.

[Translation]

CLOUD SEEDING—REQUEST FOR INFORMATION BY PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA

Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf): Mr. Speaker, a supplementary for the Prime Minister.

Can he tell us whether it is true that the right hon. Prime Minister of India, Mrs. Gandhi, on the occasion of her trip to Ottawa, expressed the wish to obtain from the Canadian government the result of what research has been done here in Canada with regard to altering the weather?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the question was asked at the Indian delegation level. Some interest was expressed in obtaining information on the technical aspect of this situation. I promised to look into the matter and to put them in touch with whoever, within the government, is competent in this field.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Calgary South.

[Translation]

Mr. Prud'homme: I wish to ask a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair has recognized the hon. member for Calgary South.

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ENERGY

INQUIRY AS TO FURTHER REPORTS

Mr. Peter C. Bawden (Calgary South): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. In view of the statement in the government's energy report, "Phase I Analysis", that a second report will be prepared, will the minister say on what dates the further phases mentioned in the report will be available, and which phase will in fact contain the national oil policy?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I will be commenting on this question later this day.

Mr. Bawden: Will the minister say whether he will be eliminating his extravagant public relations program, including Brinks security services—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. A question asked in those terms is clearly out of order.

[Mr. Godin.]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROVAL OF PROGRAM ON MONARCHY AND SELECTION OF LAURIER LAPIERRE AS PARTICIPANT

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State, the minister responsible for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. It deals with a program aired the other day before the arrival of Her Majesty the Queen in Canada and featuring Laurier Lapiere, an avowed anti-monarchist. I should like to ask the minister to tell the House who was responsible for approving both the program and the selection of Laurier Lapiere as the featured guest on the program?

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Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This question could be placed on the order paper. If there is urgency, it could be considered at the time of adjournment.

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[Translation]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PROPOSED NUCLEAR TESTS BY FRANCE—DECISION OF INTERNATIONAL COURT—PROPOSED MEASURES

Mr. Claude Wagner (Saint-Hyacinthe): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

In view of the decision of the International Court of Justice ordering France to postpone its nuclear tests in the Pacific, can the minister advise the House what steps, if any, officially or otherwise, he is taking or contemplating to urge France to abide by this decision of the International Court of Justice in The Hague.

[English]

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. gentleman will recall that the House passed unanimously a resolution asking France to comply with the order of the court, and that has been transmitted to the government of France officially.

[Translation]

NUCLEAR TEST BY PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA—PROTEST BY CANADA

Mr. Claude Wagner (Saint-Hyacinthe): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a supplementary.

Has the government been advised that the People's Republic of China exploded a two- to three-megaton nuclear bomb and, in the affirmative, has the government protested to that country's government concerning these tests which are taking place a few days only after the Nixon-Brezhnev meetings which were aimed at easing the political situation and preventing a nuclear war?

[English]

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I have instructed our delegation in Peking to register a very firm protest to the government of the People's Republic of China.